

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Sujal M. Patel, et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/007,003  
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For : SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR  
PROVIDING A DISTRIBUTED  
FILE SYSTEM UTILIZING  
METADATA TO TRACK  
INFORMATION ABOUT DATA  
STORED THROUGHOUT THE  
SYSTEM  
  
Examiner : Te Y. Chen  
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**AMENDMENT****Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.